

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in this application. The Office Action restricts the claims into Groups I - IX.

Applicants hereby elect Group VI, that is to say Claims 15 and 24 drawn to a method for finding new active compounds for crop protection, classified in class 435, subclass 4.

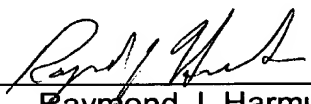
Applicants are somewhat perplexed as to why Claims 16 and 17 cannot be considered in this case along with Claim 15, and why Claims 25 and 26 cannot be considered in this case along with Claim 24. Applicants respectfully urge that this will require either no further or very little additional searching by the Examiner.

For example, Claim 16 is classified by the Office Action as being with the same class 435, subclass 4 as Claim 15. Claim 17 is classified also in class 435 at subclass 70.1.

Applicants respectfully urge that Claims 15-17 and 24-26 are based on the same technical teaching and are therefore clearly interrelated.

Although Applicants have made the above election to prosecute Group VI, Claims 15 and 24 in this case, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider allowing Claims 16, 17, 25 and 26 to remain in this case as well.

Respectfully submitted,

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